



WHEREAS, on June 28, 1969, the police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village, New York City, spurring six days of protests, led by transgender women of color like Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, against police brutality and government-sanctioned discrimination of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals; and,

WHEREAS, June is annually celebrated as Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Uprising, considered the catalyst of the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement, and to recognize the contributions LGBTQ+ individuals have made to our society; and,

WHEREAS, from day one, my administration has sought to protect LGBTQ+ individuals, including taking steps to gather statewide demographic data collection which more accurately represents the community, funding gender-affirming surgeries, expanding HIV preventative care and treatment, and strengthening inclusivity in state identification documentations and classrooms in which LGBTQ+ students can thrive and see themselves reflected in the curriculum; and,

WHEREAS, wellbeing, economic security, and meaningful social connections are particularly vital to LGBTQ+ elders and those living with HIV, both communities will be prioritized, protected, and regarded properly by being designated amongst communities of “greatest social need,” and,

WHEREAS, as statehouses across the country take a battering ram to the rights of the LGBTQ+ community, it is imperative Illinois continues to be a beacon of hope and safety against the backdrop of horrifically discriminatory laws; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois is committed to becoming a national leader in equality, championing our shared goals of inclusivity where people are not just tolerated but empowered to thrive, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or presentation; and,

WHEREAS, as we emerge from a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic, we look forward to the opportunity for the LGBTQ+ community and its allies to come together and safely celebrate again in 2022;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as **Pride Month** and urge all Illinoisans to reflect upon our history and envision a more inclusive future, reaffirming our commitment to building a just and equitable society.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this NINTH *day of* JUNE *, in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-TWO *, and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and FOURTH *.*

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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR